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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, AR, BL
SUBJ: ARGENTINE POLITICAL REFUGEE SEEKS HELP FROM USG.

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A US CATHOLIC PRIEST RESIDENT IN BOLIVIA, MONSEIGNOR KENNEDY, FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF MARIO RUBEN ARROSAGARAY, AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO SAYS HE FLED ARGENTINA FOR HIS LIFE. ARROSAGARAY IS ASKING FOR ADMISSION TO US OR OTHER COUNTRY AS A POLITICAL REFUGEE. DEPARTMENT ADVICE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. ARROSAGARY SAYS HE WAS INVOLVED WITH PERON MOVEMENT. ON 17 FEBRUARY 1977 HE WAS CUTTING GRASS IN FRONT ON HIS HOUSE AT COLOMBIA Y AZUNCION, ESPELETA, PROVINCIA BUENOS AIRES, WHEN POLITICAL POLICE ARRIVED IN AUTO AND TRIED TO CAPTURE HIM. THEY CHASED HIM THREE BLOCKS BEFORE HE GOT AWAY. SINCE HE WAS AFRAID HIS FATHER'S HOUSE WAS BEING WATCHED HE WENT TO URUGUAY, WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION, THEN TO BRAZIL AND CROSSED INTO BOLIVIA ABOUT A MONTH AGO. BECAUSE HE HAS NO DOCUMENTATION HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND WORK.

3. ARROSAGARAY SAYS HE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 19, 1947 AT WILDE, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES. HIS FATHER IS JUAN CARLOS
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ARROSAGARAY, PRESENT ADDRESS LOMAS DE ZAMURA 259 - WILDE, PROVINCIA BUENOS AIRES. HIS WIFE IS GUILLERMINA SILVIA VAZQUES AND SHE WORKS FOR THE ELECTRIC SERVICE. ARROSAGARAY SAYS THAT AFTER HIS ESCAPE HE HEARD HIS WIFE WAS PICKED UP BY THE POLICE AND HE HAS NO INFORMATION ON HER WHEREABOUTS. ARROSAGARAY SAYS HE WORKED FOR A WELL KNOWN GLASS FACTORY CALLED RIGOREAL.

4. HE SAYS THAT A FEW DAYS AFTER HIS ESCAPE, A LOCAL
NEWSPAPER CARRIED A STORY WHICH SAID MILITARY POLICE RAIDED
HOUSE WITH HIS ADDRESS (ALTHOUGH HIS NAME NOT MENTIONED) IN
WHICH ARMS WERE FOUND, AND ONE SOLDIER AND TWO GUERILLAS WERE
KILLED. HE DENIES THAT THIS OCCURRED AT HIS HOUSE.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER
THERE IS ANY US OR OTHER REFUGEE PROGRAM FOR WHICH
MR. ARROSAGARAY MIGHT QUALIFY. WOULD HE BE ELIGIBLE FOR US REFUGEE
PROGRAM UNDERWAY IN ARGENTINA? PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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